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Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/053,009, filed April 1, 1998.

For (Title): INFORMATION INPUT APPARATUS

By (Inventors): Satoshi EJIMA and Akihiko HAMAMURA

1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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INDEP CLAIMS	7 - 3	= 4
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TOTAL	\$

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+270	\$
TOTAL	\$1030

3. ☒ Check No. 117015 in the amount of \$1030 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
4. ☐ Cancel claims _____ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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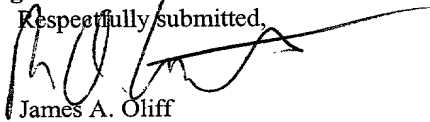
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5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a Continuation of Application No. 09/053,009 filed April 1, 1998, which in turn is a
Continuation of Application No. 08/831,434 filed April 1, 1997. The entire disclosure of the prior
application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
6. ☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s).1-20) are attached.
☐ Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
7. ☒ Priority of foreign applications No. 8-081167 and 8-081165 filed April 3, 1996, and 9-082687 filed
April 1, 1997 and 9-084770 filed April 3, 1997, all filed in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or
§365(b).
☒ The certified copies were filed in prior Application No. 08/831,434 on April 1, 1997 and in prior
Application No. 09/053,009 filed April 1, 1998.
☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
8. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed
_____.--
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Nikon Corporation recorded at Reel 9127, Frames 588-
589.
10. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application
(37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:

11. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered
consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application.
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
13. ☐ Small entity status:
☐ a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
☐ b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
14. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time for parent application.
15. ☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby
certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an
application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication
at eighteen months after filing.
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